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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 33 (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A generator for an engine comprising a flywheel configured so that a mass of rotatable magnets and adjacent magnetic steel material associated with the flywheel operatively associated with the magnets provide rotational inertia and function as have a permanent magnetic magnet rotor function to constitute a unitary flywheel-alternator fan-assembly for alternator power generation, wherein an inner portion of the flywheel constitutes the only structural member connecting the rotatable magnets and associated magnetic material with the engine crankshaft, said inner portion also functions as a cooling fan or blower to create the necessary air flow rate and air pressure rise necessary to force cooling air over selected areas of the engine.

35. (Currently Amended) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the an inner portion of the flywheel is made from lightweight material and constitutes the only structural member connecting the rotatable magnets and associated magnetic material with a crankshaft of the engine.

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- 36. (Currently Amended) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the unitary flywheel-alternator fan assembly is the sole component driven by the engine.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the magnetic material is steel.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the flywheel is comprised of Samarium cobalt magnets, steel, and an aluminum alloy.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the flywheel is comprised of Neodymium-iron-boron magnets, steel, and an aluminum alloy.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the flywheel is comprised of Samarium cobalt magnets, steel and a magnesium alloy.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the flywheel is comprised of Neodymium-iron-boron magnets, steel, and a magnesium alloy.
- 42. (Currently Amended) The generator of Claim 34, wherein said inner portion also functions as a cooling fan or blower to create the necessary air flow rate and air pressure rise necessary to force cooling air over selected areas of the engine, the selected engine areas comprise comprising at least one of an oil reservoir, electronics, cylinder head, and engine block.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the engine is an internal combustion engine.

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- 44. (Currently Amended) The generator of Claim 34_42, wherein the cooling fan is selected from the group consisting of a centrifugal fan, an axial fan and a mixed-flow fan.
- 45. (Currently Amended) The A generator of Claim 44, for an engine comprising a flywheel configured so that a mass of rotatable magnets and steel material associated with the flywheel provide rotational inertia and function as a permanent magnetic rotor function to constitute a unitary flywheel-alternator fan assembly for alternator power generation, wherein an inner portion of the flywheel constitutes the only structural member connecting the rotatable magnets and associated magnetic material with the engine crankshaft, said inner portion also functions as a cooling fan or blower to create the necessary air flow rate and air pressure rise necessary to force cooling air over selected areas of the engine, wherein the cooling fan is selected from the group consisting of a centrifugal fan, an axial fan and a mixed-flow fan, an engine cowling is provided to function as at least two of a fan shroud, a fan scroll, a distributor to cool the engine and alternator, an electronic cold plate and one or more coolant ducts.
- 46. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 45, wherein the distributor function of the engine cowling separates air flow to cool at least two of an engine head, cylinder wall of the engine, oil sump and electronics.

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47. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 45, wherein a fan shroud

for the cooling fan is operatively associated with the engine cooling to force air

through the engine cowling.

48. (Currently Amended) The generator of Claim 34 42, wherein the cooling

fan provides a mechanical link between an inertia component the rotational

magnets and a mounting portion of the flywheel.

49. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 48, wherein a lightweight

alloy in the cooling fan constitutes the mechanical link and magnetic materials of

the alternator's rotor provides the inertia component.

50. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein the

alternator is a permanent magnet alternator.

51. (Currently Amended) The flywheel of Claim 34 42, wherein the

alternator rotor, inertial material and fan or blower constitute a three-piece

multi-piece construction of lightweight material, magnetic material, and

magnets.

52. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 51, wherein the

lightweight alloy is one of magnesium or an aluminum alloy.

53. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 50, wherein the

alternator is a radial gap, twelve-pole alternator.

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54. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein means is

provided for converting alternating current produced by the alternator into

direct current.

55. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 54, wherein the

converting means comprises rectifiers.

56. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 54, wherein an engine

cowling is provided to function as at least two of a fan shroud, a fan scroll, a

distributor to cool the engine and the alternator, an electronic cold plate and one

or more coolant ducts.

57. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 56, wherein the

distributor function of the engine cowling separates air flow to cool at least two of

an engine head, cylinder wall of the engine, electrical components, and an oil

sump.

58. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 51, wherein at least one

coolant duct is associated with the oil sump which includes fins in the duct

channel to enhance cooling.

59. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 54, wherein the

converting means is arranged at the engine cowling.

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60. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 54, wherein the

alternator is configured to produce three-phase power in parallel circuits.

61. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 60, wherein the

converting means comprise full-wave rectifiers.

62. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 61, wherein an engine

cowling is provided to function as at least two of a fan shroud, a fan scroll, a

distributor to cool the engine and the alternator, an electronic cold plate and one

or more coolant ducts.

63. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 62, wherein the

converting means is arranged at the engine cowling.

64. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 34, wherein a backpack

mounting is provided for the engine and alternator.

65. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 64, wherein the engine

and alternator are configured to produce a power output of up to about 5 kW.

66. (Currently Amended) The A generator of Claim 34 for an engine

comprising a flywheel configured so that a mass of rotatable magnets and

magnetic steel material associated with the flywheel provide rotational inertia

and function as a permanent magnetic rotor function to constitute a unitary

flywheel-alternator fan assembly for alternator power generation, wherein an

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inner portion of the flywheel constitutes the only structural member connecting

the rotatable magnets and associated magnetic material with the engine

crankshaft, said inner portion also functions as a cooling fan or blower to create

the necessary air flow rate and air pressure rise necessary to force cooling air

over selected areas of the engine, wherein a rollcage mounting is provided for the

engine and alternator.

67. (Previously Presented) The generator of Claim 66, wherein the engine

and alternator are configured to produce a power output of up to about 15 kW.